

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Objections to the claims

Claims 6, 7, 33 and 38 were rejected for various informalities. The Applicant has amended the claims to overcome this ground of rejection. The Examiner is thanked for the careful review of the claims.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 7, 8, 29 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Cidon et al. (U.S. 4,926,418). Claims 3, 4, 5, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being anticipated by Cidon.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 9, 32 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Although Applicant traverses the Examiner's characterization of the claims in view of Cidon, in order only to expedite allowance of this application, and not by way of agreement with the Examiner, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims to include the subject matter of the dependent claims deemed to be patentable by the Examiner. Thus claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, claim 29 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 32 and claim 35 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 37.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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